

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraphs immediately after the title:

This application is a division of Serial No. 09/879,036 filed June 13, 2001, now pending, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/086,722 filed May 29, 1998, now abandoned, which is (1) a continuation of PCT/DK98/00210 filed May 25, 1998, now abandoned, and (2) a nonprovisional of 60/048,337 filed May 30, 1997, now abandoned.

The prior applications set forth above are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

The following frozen concentrates of lactic acid bacterial strains were used as helper organisms throughout the examples: *Lactococcus lactis* subspecies *lactis* strains DN223 which is pyruvate formate lyase (Pfl) and lactate dehydrogenase (Ldh) defective and deposited on 26 June 1996 under the accession No. DSM 11036 and DN224 which is Ldh defective and deposited on 26 June 1996 under the accession No. DSM 11037. The cultures were produced according to procedures known in the art and concentrated 20 times before freezing. The total cell counts of the frozen concentrates were about 3×10^{11} CFU/ml.

Please add the following paragraphs at page 40, line 8:

The following bacterial strains have been deposited under the Budapest Treaty on June 26, 1996 with the IDA Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSM), Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124, Braunschweig, Federal Republic of Germany.

<u>Strain</u>	<u>Deposit No.</u>
DN220	DSM11033
DN221	DSM11034
DN222	DSM11035
DN223	DSM11036
DN224	DSM11037
DN225	DSM11038
DN226	DSM11039
DN227	DSM11040

These strains will be irrevocably, and without restriction or condition, released to the public upon the issuance of a U.S. Patent on this application.